Techniques to save energy consumption

*700. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that by adopting several techniques, each hotel in the Capital is saving a substantial amount on consumption of energy, besides keeping the environment eco-friendly as commented in an environment related news-item in media;

(b) if so, whether there is ample waste of energy in Government offices without caring for environment; if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) how the newly developed technology would be embodied in the new structure building for Government offices?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIT.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Several steps have been initiated for energy conservation in hotels and Government offices which *inter-alia* include:

(i) Awareness Campaign to conserve energy by minimising its wastage by switching off lights and air conditioning when not required;

(ii) Encouraging use of high efficiency energy saving lamps;

(iii) Monitoring of the consumption of electricity, particularly in high usagearea by installation of electricity meters;

(iv) Office management system in rooms;

(v) Energy Audit of select buildings.

(c) Central Public Works Department (CPWD) under Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation who are mainly responsible for construction of Government buildings are aware of the energy saving measures and are gradually adopting them in the designs of new buildings.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Import and prices of Edible Oil

5107. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of production of oilseeds during the current crop season and the production achieved during the last year;

(b) wliether the fall in production wi U result in rise in edible oil imports this year,

(c) the quantity of edible oil likely to be imported this year,

(d) whether it would effect the prices of edible oil; and